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SUBJECT: CSCE: SWISS PROPOSAL

FROM USDEL MPT

REF: (A) USNATO 1378; (B) STATE 49869

1. SWISS PROPOSAL WILL PROBABLY BE ADDRESSED BY THE MINI- GROUP DURING MPT III, POSSIBLY TOWARD THE END OF CONFIDENTIAL

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NEXT WEEK. SOVIET REP MENDELEVICH NOTED IN WORKING
GROUP MEETING ON MARCH 14 THAT THE DISCUSSION HAD TURNED
TO MILITARY SECURITY ISSUES AND OBSERVED THAT HE ASSUMED
THAT THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES PROPOSAL WOULD
BE TAKEN UP BY THE MINI- GROUP IN DUE COURSE. NO ONE
CONTRADICTED THIS STATEMENT. IT APPEARS NOW THAT
PRINCIPLES DRAFTING WILL NOT BE COMPLETED THIS ROUND
BUT THAT AFER SOME CONSENSUS HAS BEEN REACHED HERE ON AD
REFERENDUM BASIS, ON GENERAL METHOD OF HANDLING EACH OF THE MAJOR
ELEMENTS OF THE PRINCIPLES MANDATE, MINI- GROUP WILL TAKE UP SWISS
PROPOSAL.

2. SUGGESTED REVISION OF SWISS DRAFT MANDATE ALONG LINES OF US PROPOSAL (REF B) WOULD BE GENERALLY INTERPRETED HERE AS REFLECTING FUNDAMENTAL RESERVATION CONERNING ESSENCE OF SWISS PROPOSAL, SINCE WORD "SYSTEM" WOULD BE DROPPED. WE BELIEVE SOVIETS ARE LIKELY TO INSIST UPON SIMILAR CHANGES IN WORDING OF SWISS PROPOSAL AND CONSIDER IT TACTICALLY ADVISABLE FOR US AND ALLIES TO WAIT FOR SOVIETS TO PROPOSE SPECIFIC CHANGES IN PRESENT SWISS TEXT BEFORE DECIDING ON DESIRABILITY OF TABLING REVISED MANDATE LANGUAGE. SINCE THIS STEP WOULD REFLECT TACTICAL SITUATION AT THE TIME, BELIEVE IT COULD BE BEST COORDINATED AT MPT ITSELF RATHER THAN THROUGH BILATERAL APPROACHES IN BERN.

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